'Home for All'

†149. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any national level survey has been conducted in regard to the availability of residential units in urban areas;

(b) whether availability of residential units in Delhi is much less than physical requirements;

(c) if so, the shortage of the same as noticed by Government during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) whether any time-bound scheme has been worked out to tackle the situation; and

(e) the quantum of amount required to meet the target of 'Home for All'?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) State-wise data relating to available housing stock is compiled during the decennial Census operations. Since the results of Census of India 2001 is not likely to be made available before next year, it is not possible to indicate the shortage of housing in the country as a whole. However, the Working Group on Urban Housing for the Ninth Plan had estimated housing shortage of 0.29 million units in Delhi on the basis of population data as per 1991 Census.

(d) and (e) With a view to achieve the target of 'Shelter for All' as laid down in the National Housing and Habitat Policy 1998, the Two Million Housing Programme had been launched in 1998-99. The ultimate aim of this programme is to facilitate construction of houses to make 'Shelter for All' possible within a period of 15 years. The annual target for urban areas is 7 lakh units (of which Delhi has a target of 30,620 units) for which a minimum annual investment of Rs. 4000 crores is envisaged for the country as a whole including Delhi.

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